

DEAR GOVERNOR

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OUR NOTES

**How this proposal got started:**

A day or two after the election, we heard the Governor say, "Oregonians understand global warming is an Oregon problem."

We were impressed.

"What would we say if we could write the Governor's inaugural speech?"

Everyone laughed.

"Declare energy independence."

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OF COURSE it is maybe presumptive to approach the Governor.

But why?

Why shouldn't we?

Isn't this our tradition?

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As we went around, we took a pamphlet: "2020: Energy Independence."

"This is *cool*."

That's what we heard: "This is COOL."

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Time, and energy, are running out. There is a hurting for movement.

Survival instinct.

The Federal government is paralyzed. Or worse.

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**Our State:**

Is the right size.

Is manageable.

Is powerful.

Is model.

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**Clean Energy**

People like to work with clean conscience.

A clean plan.

A plan with obvious care.

Not a war plan.

A plan with technique; and conscience.

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**Plan,**

"The Forever Plan."

That we could run on this model forever.

Clean gases.

No carbon gains.

No poisons.

Sun lit.

Wind driven.

Grown.

Balanced.

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### **Ideas**

"We" are the framers.

We can set our language with ideas and goals.

Corrections.

To right the ship.

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Contemplate the template.

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### **Everybody in the Pool**

Together

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### **Time**

Time "enough."

One fleet-cycle through our vehicles.

A time line in the sand..

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### **It's pretty graphic:**

This oil chart is from British Petroleum.

It ends at 2020.

It's not *designed* to cause panic; it causes panic.

The demand-curve isn't shown, but it's insane.

This is danger.

Of the highest order.

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### **Energy independence is a new contract with the World.**

The petro dollar is unbased.

We are broke.

We need this credibility.

And cred-ability.

We *need* the trade balance oil is destroying.

Seventy percent of our trade losses are energy.

This is going to *ruin* us.

If it hasn't.

It's not disputable, but there is denial.

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The Offense Industry is burying *us*, as it did the Soviet Union. It's running on its own power now.

These are *non-productive* engines.

We can build weapons,  
or we can build "works."

Survival works.

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*By our works we shall be known.*

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**Proposed:**

We need an energy audit.

What we can expect to collect and use.

Not: "What our requirements are."

What is *available* to us.

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The State needs a Monthly.  
And Quarterly Reports.  
Where we are; What's the plan.  
What's coming.  
What's doing.

Get on the same page.

A "Letter to the Investors."  
The citizens. The participants.  
To inform, and encourage.

And, an *Oregon Users Guide*.

In every mailbox.

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**We sent you this letter:**

From a neighborhood consensus.

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**2020:**

*We did it all.  
Didn't we.*

*Jumped every wall.  
Instinctively.*

*Unraveled codes.  
Ingeniously.*

*Wired all the roads.  
So seamlessly.*

*We made it work.*

(Pete Townshend,  
from *Endless Wires*)

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With a balanced atmosphere, we can breathe  
freely.